IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Walter E. KRUMM, Sr. et al.

Serial No.: N/A

Filed: HEREWITH

For: HAND TRUCK FOR MOVING,

MANIPULATING, AND ALIGNING

OBJECTS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, lines 7-11, please delete the entire "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section and insert therefor:

- This application is a continuation of application no. 09/498,760, filed January 27, 2000, which application claims the priority benefit of application no. 60/117,428, filed January 27, 1999, and each of which is incorporated herein by reference. - -

On page 4, line 18-page 5, line 14, please delete the entire "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" section and insert the following new description therefore: